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**AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 4-66c of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

4 (a) For the purposes of subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond
5 Commission shall have power, from time to time to authorize the
6 issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal
7 amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [nine hundred six million nine
8 hundred eighty-seven thousand five hundred forty-four] seven
9 hundred seventy-four million nine hundred eighty-seven thousand
10 five hundred forty-four dollars. [, provided one hundred seven million
11 dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2003.] All
12 provisions of section 3-20, or the exercise of any right or power granted
13 thereby, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section,
14 are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the

15 State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes
16 in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such
17 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-
18 20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such
19 time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as
20 may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the
21 State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds
22 shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond
23 Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such
24 authorization, which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the
25 Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions
26 as said commission in its discretion may require. Said bonds issued
27 pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the
28 full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the
29 payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same
30 become due, and accordingly as part of the contract of the state with
31 the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for
32 punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and
33 the Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
34 due.

35 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent hereinafter
36 stated, shall be used, subject to the provisions of subsections (c) and (d)
37 of this section, for the purpose of redirecting, improving and
38 expanding state activities which promote community conservation and
39 development and improve the quality of life for urban residents of the
40 state as hereinafter stated: (1) For the Department of Economic and
41 Community Development: Economic and community development
42 projects, including administrative costs incurred by the Department of
43 Economic and Community Development, not exceeding [seventy-four
44 million five hundred ninety-one thousand six hundred forty-two]
45 sixty-seven million five hundred ninety-one thousand six hundred
46 forty-two dollars, one million dollars of which shall be used for a grant
47 to the development center program and the nonprofit business
48 consortium deployment center approved pursuant to section 32-411;

49 [and provided seven million dollars of said authorization shall be
50 effective July 1, 2003;] (2) for the Department of Transportation: Urban
51 mass transit, not exceeding two million dollars; (3) for the Department
52 of Environmental Protection: Recreation development and solid waste
53 disposal projects, not exceeding one million nine hundred ninety-five
54 thousand nine hundred two dollars; (4) for the Department of Social
55 Services: Child day care projects, elderly centers, shelter facilities for
56 victims of domestic violence, emergency shelters and related facilities
57 for the homeless, multipurpose human resource centers and food
58 distribution facilities, not exceeding thirty-nine million one hundred
59 thousand dollars, provided four million dollars of said authorization
60 shall be effective July 1, 1994; (5) for the Department of Economic and
61 Community Development: Housing projects, not exceeding three
62 million dollars; (6) for the Office of Policy and Management: (A)
63 Grants-in-aid to municipalities for a pilot demonstration program to
64 leverage private contributions for redevelopment of designated
65 historic preservation areas, not exceeding one million dollars; (B)
66 grants-in-aid for urban development projects including economic and
67 community development, transportation, environmental protection,
68 public safety, children and families and social services projects and
69 programs, including, in the case of economic and community
70 development projects administered on behalf of the Office of Policy
71 and Management by the Department of Economic and Community
72 Development, administrative costs incurred by the Department of
73 Economic and Community Development, not exceeding [seven
74 hundred eighty-five million three hundred thousand] six hundred
75 sixty million three hundred thousand dollars. [, provided one hundred
76 million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2003.]
77 Five million dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph
78 (B) of subdivision (6) of this subsection may be made available to
79 private nonprofit organizations for the purposes described in said
80 subparagraph (B). Five million dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized
81 in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (6) of this subsection may be made
82 available for necessary renovations and improvements of libraries.

83 Five million dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph
84 (B) of subdivision (6) of this subsection [shall] may be made available
85 for small business gap financing.

86 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4a-10 of the general statutes is
87 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
88 *1, 2003*):

89 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
90 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to
91 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
92 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate two hundred
93 [thirty] sixty-seven million five hundred thousand dollars, provided
94 [nineteen million five hundred thousand] seventeen million two
95 hundred thousand dollars of said authorization shall be effective July
96 1, [2002] 2004.

97 Sec. 3. Section 7-131g of the general statutes is repealed and the
98 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

99 (a) Subject to the provisions of sections 7-131d to 7-131k, inclusive,
100 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection may (1) where a
101 federal grant is also made, approve grants to municipalities in an
102 amount not to exceed one-half of the nonfederal share of open space
103 land acquisition or development costs, (2) where a federal
104 rehabilitation or innovation grant is made to a municipality under the
105 Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-625, 92 Stat.
106 3538), approve a grant to such municipality not to exceed fifteen per
107 cent of the total project cost of such development or rehabilitation, and
108 (3) where a federal grant is not made, may approve grants to
109 municipalities in accordance with the provisions of this section.

110 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may make
111 grants under the open space and watershed land acquisition program
112 to: (1) Municipalities for acquisition of land for open space under
113 subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of section 7-131d in

114 an amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the fair market value of a
115 parcel of land or interest in land proposed to be acquired; (2)
116 municipalities for acquisition of land for class I and class II water
117 supply protection under subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of [said]
118 section 7-131d, in an amount not to exceed sixty-five per cent of such
119 value; (3) nonprofit land conservation organizations for acquisition of
120 land for open space or watershed protection under subdivisions (1) to
121 (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of [said] section 7-131d, in an amount
122 not to exceed fifty per cent of such value; (4) water companies for
123 acquisition of land under subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of [said]
124 section 7-131d, in an amount not to exceed forty per cent of such value
125 provided if such a company proposes in a grant application that it
126 intends to allow access to such land for recreational uses, such
127 company shall seek approval of the Commissioner of Public Health for
128 such access; and (5) distressed municipalities or targeted investment
129 communities, as defined in section 32-9p, or, with the approval of the
130 chief elected official or governing legislative body of such a
131 municipality or community, to a nonprofit land conservation
132 organization, for acquisition of land within that municipality or
133 community, for open space under subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of
134 subsection (b) of [said] section 7-131d, in an amount not to exceed
135 sixty-five per cent of such value or for performance of work in the
136 restoration, enhancement or protection of resources in an amount not
137 to exceed fifty per cent of the cost of such work. Applicants for grants
138 under the program shall provide a copy of the application to the
139 chairperson of the review board established under section 7-131e. The
140 board shall provide comments to the commissioner on pending
141 applications as it deems necessary.

142 (c) For purposes of this subsection, the fair market value of land or
143 interest in land shall be determined by one or more appraisals
144 satisfactory to the commissioner and shall not include incidental costs,
145 including, but not limited to, surveying, development or closing costs.
146 The commissioner may consider a portion of the fair market value of a
147 donation of land by an entity receiving a grant as a portion of the

148 matching funds required under this subsection. No other funds made
149 available by the state may be used by a potential grantee as matching
150 funds under the program.

151 [(d) To the extent there is a balance of bonds authorized but not
152 allocated by the State Bond Commission on or after July 1, 1998,
153 pursuant to any bond act for the purposes of (1) the recreation and
154 natural heritage trust program established under sections 23-73 to 23-
155 79, inclusive, and (2) the municipal open space grant program
156 established under sections 7-131c to 7-131g, inclusive, the State Bond
157 Commission shall authorize the issuance of such balance only for the
158 purposes described in section 23-74 and sections 23-75 and 7-131d and
159 in two substantially equal installments one in each half of the fiscal
160 year commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.]

161 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 7-538 of the general statutes is
162 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
163 *1, 2003*):

164 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
165 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to
166 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
167 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [four hundred
168 seventy million] four hundred sixty-five million dollars, provided
169 [sixty-five] thirty million dollars of said authorization shall be effective
170 July 1, [2003] 2004.

171 Sec. 5. Section 10-287d of the general statutes is repealed and the
172 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

173 For the purposes of funding (1) grants to projects that have received
174 approval of the State Board of Education pursuant to sections 10-287
175 and 10-287a, subsection (a) of section 10-65 and section 10-76e, (2)
176 grants to assist school building projects to remedy safety and health
177 violations and damage from fire and catastrophe, and (3) regional
178 vocational-technical school projects pursuant to section 10-283b, the

179 State Treasurer is authorized and directed, subject to and in
 180 accordance with the provisions of section 3-20, to issue bonds of the
 181 state from time to time in one or more series in an aggregate amount
 182 not exceeding [three billion one hundred eight million three hundred
 183 sixty thousand] four billion one hundred thirty-six million three
 184 hundred sixty thousand dollars, provided [twenty] five hundred
 185 ninety million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1,
 186 [2003] 2004. Bonds of each series shall bear such date or dates and
 187 mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years from their
 188 respective dates and be subject to such redemption privileges, with or
 189 without premium, as may be fixed by the State Bond Commission.
 190 They shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest and the full
 191 faith and credit of the state is pledged for the payment of the interest
 192 thereon and the principal thereof as the same shall become due, and
 193 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
 194 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
 195 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
 196 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
 197 due. The State Treasurer is authorized to invest temporarily in direct
 198 obligations of the United States, United State agency obligations,
 199 certificates of deposit, commercial paper or bank acceptances such
 200 portion of the proceeds of such bonds or of any notes issued in
 201 anticipation thereof as may be deemed available for such purpose.

202 Sec. 6. Section 10-292k of the general statutes is repealed and the
 203 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

204 For purposes of funding interest subsidy grants, except for interest
 205 subsidy grants made pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-292m, the
 206 State Treasurer is authorized and directed, subject to and in
 207 accordance with the provisions of section 3-20, to issue bonds of the
 208 state from time to time in one or more series in an aggregate amount
 209 not exceeding [one hundred seventy-one million one hundred
 210 thousand] two hundred thirty-four million one hundred thousand
 211 dollars, provided [fifty] thirty-three million dollars of said

212 authorization shall be effective July 1, [2002] 2004. Bonds of each series
 213 shall bear such date or dates and mature at such time or times not
 214 exceeding thirty years from their respective dates and be subject to
 215 such redemption privileges, with or without premium, as may be fixed
 216 by the State Bond Commission. They shall be sold at not less than par
 217 and accrued interest and the full faith and credit of the state is pledged
 218 for the payment of the interest thereon and the principal thereof as the
 219 same shall become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of
 220 the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts
 221 necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is
 222 hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and
 223 interest as the same become due. The State Treasurer is authorized to
 224 invest temporarily in direct obligations of the United States, United
 225 States agency obligations, certificates of deposit, commercial paper or
 226 bank acceptances, such portion of the proceeds of such bonds or of any
 227 notes issued in anticipation thereof as may be deemed available for
 228 such purpose.

229 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 22a-483 of the general statutes is
 230 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 231 *1, 2003*):

232 (a) For the purposes of sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive, the
 233 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to
 234 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
 235 in principal amounts, not exceeding in the aggregate [eight hundred
 236 one] seven hundred twenty-six million thirty thousand dollars,
 237 provided [sixty] twenty-five million dollars of said authorization shall
 238 be effective July 1, [2003] 2004.

239 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 32-235 of the general statutes is
 240 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 241 *1, 2003*):

242 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
 243 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to

244 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
245 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [five hundred five
246 million three hundred thousand] four hundred eighty-five million
247 three hundred thousand dollars. [, provided ten million dollars of said
248 authorization shall be effective on July 1, 2003.]

249 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 32-616 of the general statutes is
250 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
251 *1, 2003*):

252 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
253 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
254 Department of Economic and Community Development for grants-in-
255 aid for capital city projects as follows:

256 (1) For the Civic Center and coliseum complex renovation and
257 rejuvenation project, not exceeding fifteen million dollars;

258 (2) For the riverfront infrastructure development and improvement
259 project, not exceeding twenty-five million dollars provided no amount
260 shall be issued under this subdivision until the Commissioner of
261 Economic and Community Development certifies to the State Bond
262 Commission that it has received a commitment by agreement, contract
263 or other legally enforceable instrument with private investors or
264 developers for a minimum private investment equal to the amount of
265 bonds at the time such bonds are issued pursuant to this subdivision
266 taken together with any previous commitments; and provided further,
267 twelve million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1,
268 1999, seven million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July
269 1, 2001, and three million dollars of said authorization shall be effective
270 July 1, [2003] 2004;

271 (3) For housing rehabilitation and new construction projects, as
272 defined in subparagraph (E) (i) of subdivision (2) of section 32-600, not
273 exceeding thirty-five million dollars, provided seven million dollars of
274 said authorization shall be effective July 1, 1999, fourteen million

275 dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2000, fourteen
 276 million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2001, and
 277 four million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1,
 278 [2003] 2004;

279 (4) For demolition or redevelopment projects, as defined in
 280 subparagraph (E) (ii) of subdivision (2) of section 32-600, not exceeding
 281 twenty-five million dollars, provided seven million dollars of said
 282 authorization shall be effective July 1, 1999, eight million dollars of
 283 said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2000, and five million
 284 dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2001; [, and three
 285 million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2003;]

286 (5) For parking projects, as defined in subparagraph (F) of
 287 subdivision (2) of section 32-600, not exceeding fifteen million dollars
 288 provided five million dollars of said authorization shall be effective
 289 July 1, 1999, and five million dollars of said authorization shall be
 290 effective July 1, 2000.

291 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 3 of public act 96-250 is repealed
 292 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

293 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
 294 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to
 295 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in
 296 principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [five] three million
 297 dollars.

298 Sec. 11. (*Effective July 1, 2003*) Section 4b-53 of the general statutes is
 299 repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]